(d) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Governments for financial assistance to start rain water harvesting in Govenment buildings and particularly from Karnataka;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Water Resources had requested all Ministries/Departments of Government of India to issue suitable instructions to provide for construction of roof top rain water harvesting structures in all Government buildings under their control. The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has informed that rain water harvesting is being taken up in Central Government buildings under their care and maintenance all over the country subject to the proposal being technically feasible. They have completed work in 182 locations and the work is in progress in 43 locations. The Ministry of Defence, Department of Telecommunications, Department of Posts, Ministry of Railways and National Highways Authority of India have also informed that they have initiated action in this regard and rain water harvesting has already been introduced in a large number of Government buildings.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Need of water harvesting

947. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken note of the suggestion made to make water harvesting mandatory for all States and what steps are being taken to make it a reality; and

(b) whether his Ministry has made any proposal to the Ministry of Urban Development to make water harvesting compulsory in all new buildings and residential areas and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Ministry of Water Resources had requested Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation and State Governments to incorporate provision to make roof top rain water harvesting mandatory for buildings in urban areas by amending building bye-laws. Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has modified building bye-laws, 1983, to incorporate mandatory provision for roof top rain water harvesting in all new buildings of 100 square meters and above in Delhi. Similar action to make roof top rain water harvesting mandatory has been taken by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

Sea erosion in coastal areas in Tamil Nadu

948. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the continuing sea erosion in coastal areas of Tamil Nadu is threatening the ecological balance in these areas; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that damage to coastal ecosystem is being noticed due to coastal erosion along the coast of Tamil Nadu.

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